Rice imported from Burma.

377. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the quantity of rice imported by them from Burma ;

(*b*) the quantity so far sold out ;

(*c*) whether they have incurred any loss in the transaction; and

(*d*) whether they have arranged for any further supply of rice from Burma ?

MR. V. R. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI : (*a*) 1,76,628 sacks.

(*b*) 1,60,444 sacks up to 19-10-1115.

(*c*) This could be answered only after the whole stock is sold out.

(*d*) No.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know whether, with reference to part (c), there could not be a loss on the transaction by the nature of it ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Yes. It is bound to be a loss.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know why Government have not demanded a further supply ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Government did not think it necessary.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether after 19-10-1115 the balance remaining unsold was also sold by the Government ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : It is being sold every day.

Rice got down by Government.

378. * MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total number of sacks of rice got down by Government as a price control measure ;

(*b*) the cost price of each sack of rice ;

(*c*) the price of each sack at the Government and other godowns ;

(*d*) the market price of similar variety of rice at the time of the disposal of those sacks ; and

(*e*) the number of sacks sold by Government up-to-date ?

MR. V. R. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI : (*a*) 1,76,628.

(*b*) The actual cost could be ascertained only after the entire stock is sold out.

(*c*) The selling price fixed is as follows :

First quality	B. Rs. 8-5-0.
Second quality	B. Rs. 8-4-0.

(*c*) The information is not available as the rice was sold during a period of five months.

(*d*) 1,60,444 up to 19-10-1115.

Supplies by the Stores Purchase Committee.

379. * MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any enquiries with the departments concerned as to whether the supplies by the Stores Purchase Committee are of the required quality ?

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